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SUBJECT: TRAN MINH TUNG RE-APPOINTED PUBLIC HEALTH MINISTER

1. SIMULTANEOUSLY WITH THE NOVEMBER 8 ANNOUNCEMENT THAT VUONG VAN BAC WILL BE FOREIGN MINISTER (REPORTED SEPTEL) THE PRESIDENCY ALSO ANNOUNCED THAT TRAN MINH TUNG WILL BE RE-APPOINTED PUBLIC HEALTH MINISTER. DR. TUNG HELD THIS POSITION FROM SEPTEMBER 1969 UNTIL LAST JULY, WHEN HE TOOK A LEAVE OF ABSENCE TO RUN FOR THE SENATE AS HEAD OF THE "DEMOCRACY" SLATE. THIS SLATE REPRESENTED THE ADMINISTRATION'S DEMOCRACY PARTY, OF WHICH TUNG IS SECRETARY GENERAL. UPON BEING ELECTED, TUNG WAS RELIEVED OF HIS MINISTRY PORTFOLIO, A STEP LEGALLY CALLED FOR. HE NOW REASSUMES THE PORTFOLIO AND LEAVES SENATE ACTIVITIES. SIGNIFICANTLY, HE DID NOT RUN FOR ANY SENATE OFFICE THIS TERM, THUS INDICATING BEFORE THIS ANNOUNCEMENT THAT HE WOULD PROBABLY CONCENTRATE HIS EFFORTS ELSEWHERE.

2. TUNG MAY REMAIN A SENATOR ON INACTIVE STATUS FOR A MAXIMUM OF TWO YEARS UNDER PRESENT RULES. THEREFORE, HIS RETURN TO SENATE

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AFFAIRS REMAINS POSSIBLE.

3. AS A LEADING FIGURE IN THE DEMOCRACY PARTY, TUNG MAY BE EXPECTED
TO CONTINUE HIS PARTY ROLE.
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